Scam in Import of Pulses

102. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a scam amounting to Rs. 7.72 crores in State Trading Corporation (STC) relating to import of pulses;

(b) if so, is it due to procedural discrepancies or vested interest of some STC officials;

(c) whether investigations have been launched and the culprits books and suitably punished;

(d) whether similar scams occurred during 2004 and 2005 with similar *modus-operandi;* and

(e) the steps taken to avoid recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (e) Since the matter is under investigation by CBI, till CBI gives its findings, no conclusions can be drawn regarding the propriety of the actions of STC or some of its officials. As far as reimbursement of losses is concerned, Government had provided for the same only during 2007 and not during the earlier periods.

Export of Iron Ore

103. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the volume of exports of iron ore to the respective importing countries, including China, during the last three years, indicating value and revenue on account of duty/cess levied on these imports;

(b) the details of volume of coal imported from various countries showing annual volume, percentage of total imports and duty ievied by respective importing countries, including China;

(c) whether import of fruits and vegetables from India stands barred/restricted in various countries, including China;

(d) whether the issue was discussed during his recent visit to China in the Prime Minister's delegation; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Statement indicating quantity and value of iron ore exported during the last three years, country-wise is at Statement-I. *(see* below) Information regarding details of revenue on account of duty/cess levied on these imports is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The details of imports of coal by India during the last three years is at Statement-II. *(see* below) Duty levied by respective countries is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) India is exporting fruits and vegetables to several countries in the world. Certain countries like Australia and New Zealand have restricted import of Indian Fruits and vegetables on sanitary and phytosanitary issues. As regards China, phytosanitary agreements between India and China are already operational for mangoes, grapes and bitter gourd. Discussions are already under progress for removing restriction on market access for another 14 fruits.

(d) and (e) Issues of bilateral trade concern, including market access for Indian fruits and vegetables in China were raised in talks by the Commerce and Industry Minister with the Chinese Minister of Commerce in January 2008. In the meeting, the Chinese Minister indicated that China would soon send a 'buying mission' to India to increase imports from India.

Statement-I

Country-wise quantity and value of iron ore exported during the last three years

Country-wise Iron Ore Exports

(Quantity in Million Tonnes; Value Rs. Crores)

COUNTRY	2004-05		2005-06 **(Prov)**		**2006-07 (Prov)**	
	Quantity	Value	**Quantity**	**Value**	**Quantity**	**Value**
China	**59.40**	**11,132.69**	**74.13**	**15,186.31**	**80.16**	**16,609.22**
Japan	**11.13**	1,128.00	**10.33**	**1,506.18**	**8.63**	**1,492.42**
S. Korea	2.18	397.60	**1.32**	**158.18**	**1.91**	280.64
Taiwan	0.61	111.25	**0 14**	**15.88**	-	0.02
Europe	2.89	527.09	**2.10**	350.28	**2.07**	303.22
Others	1.94	353.83	**1.25**	**158.17**	**1.02**	150.57
TOTAL	78.15	13,650.46	**89.27**	**17,375.00**	**93.79**	18,836.09

Source: Quantity — Goa Mineral Ore Exporters Association (GMOEA), Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited (KIOCL), National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC), MMTC Limited and Private Exporters.

Value - Values are estimates based on the quantities and price trend during the years and information by GMOEA KIOCL AND MMTC.

Statement-II

The details of coal imported by India during last three years

Country-wise import of Steam Coal

Qty:MT

Name of Country	2004-05		2005-06 (Prov)		2006-07 (Prov)	
	Annual Volume (MT)	% of Total Imports of Steam Coal by India	Annual Volume (MT)	% of Total Imports of Steam Coal by India	Annual Volume (MT)	% of Total Imports of Steam Coal by India
Australia	54906	0.587	188750	1.109		
Chile	121900	1.303				
China	1040203	11.119	1866537	10.963	3118216	15.735
Indonesia	7646023	81.728	12766988	74.987	14950984	75 442
Singapore	5000	**0.054**			466	0 003
South Africa	456966	4.884	2154259	12.653	1747605	8 19
Switzerland	5653	0.060				
UAE	1562	**0.017**				
Mozambique			44108	0.260		
Vietnam			5080	0.030		
Italy					480	0.003
USA					100	0.001
Unspecified	23240	0.248				
TOTAL :	9355453		17025722		19817851	

Country-wise Import of Anthracite Coal

Qty : MT

Name of Country	2004- 05		2005-06		2006-07	
	Annual Volume (MT)	% of Total Imports	Annual Volume (MT)	% of Total Imports	Annual Volume (MT)	% of Total Imports
Australia	5000	1.528				
China	82098	25 095	5950	3.200	26558	6.702
Germany	61	0.019	162	0.087	37	0010
Indonesia	28000	8.559	17865	9.607		
Japan			52	0.028	26	0.006
Netherlands					71	0018
Russia					50200	12670
Saudi Arabia			3	0.002		
South Africa	9090	2.779	46545	25.031	15239	3.846
Thailand	59	0.018	39	0.021	20	0.005
UK	142	0.382	9	0.006	100	0025
Vietnam	202698	61.960	115328	62.020	304018	76 720
TOTAL :	327148		185953		396269	

Country-wise Import of Bituminous Coal

QTY: MT

Name of" Country	2004- 05 Annual Volume (MT)	% of Total Imports	2005-06 Annual Volume (MT)	% of Total Imports	2006-07 Annual Volume (MT)	% of Total Imports
USA	20	100	20	100 20	156	100
Total	20				156	

Country-wise Import of Coking Coal

QTY: MT

Name of Country	2004-05 Annual Volume (MT)	% of Total Imports	2005-06 Annual Volume (MT)	% of Total Imports	2006-07 Annual Volume (MT)	% of Total Imports
Argentina	24010	0.142				
Australia	14043454	82.977	13972584	82.721	15325232	85.726
Canada	48293	0.285			42633	0.239
China	877411	5.185	905623	5.362	545392	3.051
Columbia					119	0.001
Indonesia	213502	1.262	318926	1.888	137305	0.769
Morocco	5000	0.296				
Netherlands	19860	0.118				
New Zealand	437381	0.026	606411	3.590	692210	3.872
Poland	45000	0.266				
Russia	188459	1.114	44748	0.265		
South Africa	83443	0.494	21000	0.125	287115	1.606
Switzerland	13913	0.083				
Taiwan	100000	0.591				
Ukraine	19702	0.U7				
Vietnam	7150	0.043				
USA	770490	4.553	1022091	6.051	842158	4.711
Unspecified	27500	0.163			5000	0.028
Total:	16924568		16891383		17877164	

Country-wise Import of other Coal

QTY: MT

Name of Country	2004-05 Annual Volume (MT)	% of Total Imports	2005-06 Annual Volume (MT)	% of Total Imports	2006-07 Annual Volume (MT)	% of Total Imports
Australia	249495	10.651	203595	4.542	90	100
Cnile	2000	0.085				
China	468200	20.000	302869	6.756		
Columbia	38811	1.657				
Indonesia	1532962	65.434	2954204	65.900		
Russia	21327	0.911				
Singapore	15	0.001	1022200	22.803		
South Africa	6661	0.284				
USA	1500	0.065	2	0.001		
Unspecified	21800	0.931				
Total:	2342771		4482870		90	

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